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## NEXT MEETING

November 1995

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## PROGRAM

Boyd Crawford will speak  
on the history of skiing

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November Grand Prize . . . . .1993 Canada Maple Leaf

November Promptness Prize . . . 1945 S Walking Liberty Half

1886 Morgan Silver Dollar

1887 Morgan Silver Dollar

Leo Munson, GF 10¢ IT . . . . . Escalante . . . LR7 \$25-35

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Geo. McDermaid, GF 5¢ IT . . . Rolapp . . . LR1 \$10-20

Wattis Merc. Co, GF \$5 IT . . . Wattis . . . LR9 \$45-65

Bottles: 1890's Pop-up Wine  
Pottery Beer

# FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear NUTS,

How 'bout this weather!

I don't remember a fall in Utah this warm since one year about twenty years ago when the golf courses stayed open til the day after Christmas. I hope you have all been taking advantage of the warm weather to scratch around for trinkets. Unfortunately there will be no Find of the Month at this meeting, but be sure to save them for the February meeting where we will have entries found in November, December, January, and February.

Last Month we nominated officers for 1996:

President: Jason Connelly  
Vicepresident: Tom Malloy  
Sec/Treasurer: Jeral Smith  
Wagonmasters: Bruce Dugger  
Jim Jeffries  
Tim Rose  
Richard Connelly  
Editor: (We still need someone here)  
Medals Chairman: Bill Brown

This month we will vote to confirm these nominations, and will twist someone's arm to be Editor. These people who have consented to take on the responsibility of NUTS officers deserve our appreciation. They will need our continued support through 1996.

I have heard a few complaints about people talking to each other or otherwise disturbing our speakers during their presentations. Remember that our speakers are not paid (except for a club token). They come to share their knowledge, sometimes for advertising or publicity, but mostly as a community service. All of our speakers are very knowledgeable about their topics, but some are not experienced public speakers and are understandably nervous. Please try to make them comfortable and respected.

Our November speaker will be Boyd Crawford, who has talked to us before about old Ogden post cards. Lately Boyd has been collecting antique ski equipment. He has been involved in the sport of skiing since the first tow ropes were operating on the Wasatch. Mr. Crawford will give us a presentation on the history of skiing.

See you at the meeting

**\*\*FROM THE WAGONMASTER, JERAL SMITH\*\***



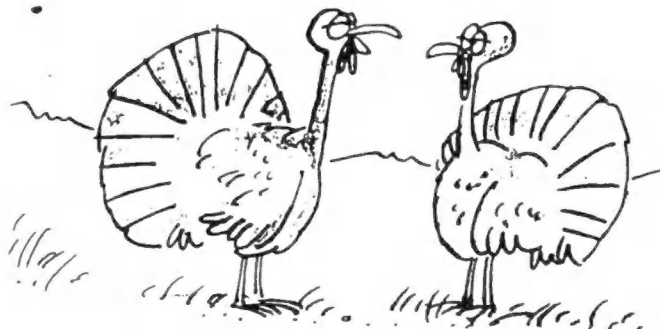
### F.O.M. WINNERS FOR OCTOBER

U.S. Coin . . . . .	Jeral Smith . . . . .	1906 Liberty Head Nickle
Foreign Coin . . . . .	Jeral Smith . . . . .	1944 French W. Africa 1 Franc
	Tim Rose . . . . .	1867 Brittish Cent
Token . . . . .	Jim Liddiard . . . . .	Ft DA Russel Wyoming GF 4¢
Jewelry . . . . .	Jim Jeffries . . . . .	Sego Milk Watch Fob
Artifact . . . . .	Bruce Dugger . . . . .	1935 Orphan Annie Decoder Pin
Button . . . . .	Jim Jeffries . . . . .	Civil War Eagle
Non-metal . . . . .	Tim Rose . . . . .	Blue Bennington
	Diane Nicewinter	Three Marbles
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Bottle . . . . .	Tim Rose . . . . .	Pottery Beer
Oldest U.S. Coin . . . . .	Bruce Dugger . . . . .	1863-S Liberty Seated Dime
Oldest U.S. Cent. . . . .	Tim Rose . . . . .	1896 Indian Head
Most Valuable U.S.		
Coin . . . . .	Bruce Dugger . . . . .	1912-S Barber Dime

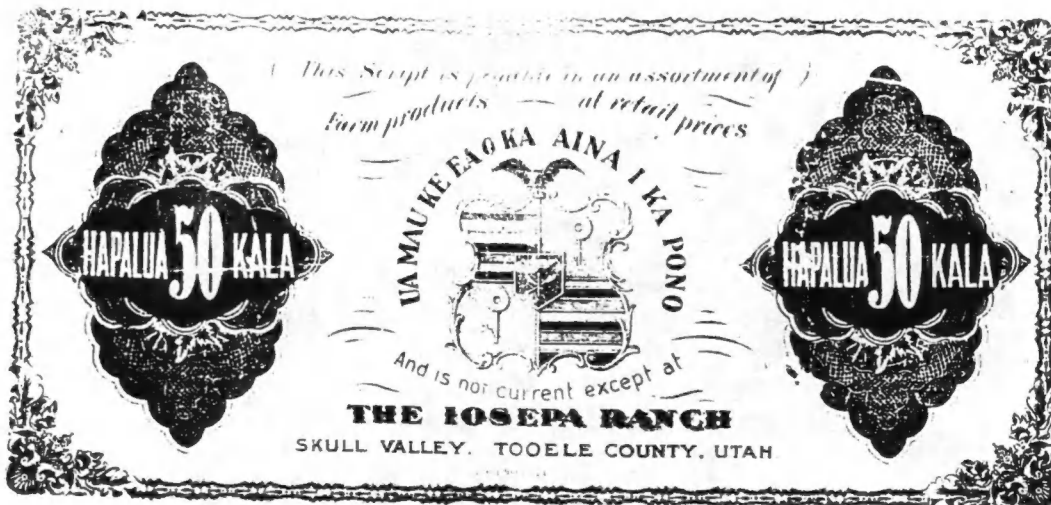
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**FROM THE EDITOR** That was the last free ad you're gonna weasle out of us, you guys. But I might break down and bring you a cup of hot soup if the weather gets cold.



"I don't know about you, but I always give thanks  
the day after Thanksgiving!"



### A Single Trace of Iosepa

Amidst the windblown scrub of Utah's Skull Valley, 20 miles south of the Great Salt Lake, lies a cemetery, a few foundations, and a solitary fire hydrant which stands as a silent sentinel testifying to a long-forgotten time. These are the only remnants of a once-proud society of lesser-known Mormon pioneers of the Hawaiian Kanaka tribe who left the islands in 1889 to be nearer to the spiritual homeland and temple of the Latter Day Saint faithful in Salt Lake City. With church assistance in the form of agricultural expertise, financial management, and property acquisition, the Hawaiian settlers were relocated to the only block of land which remained unencumbered close to the city and large enough to meet the needs of a subsistence agricultural economy. Unfortunately, it still remained approximately two days ride from Salt Lake City.

The religious faith sustaining the settlers must have rivaled any found in their more-famous Latter Day Saint brethren in Salt Lake City as the new inhabitants of the fledgling town of Iosepa (Yo-see-pa) had recently left the relative paradise of Hawaii. They were greeted in Utah by life-threatening elements and physical hardships. A new work ethic was needed to survive and later thrive in elements which varied from searing and unending heat in summer to semi-Arctic winters which must have seemed interminable. The settlers built their lives around what they could raise in crops and livestock from the alkali flats and cedar plateaus surrounding the town.

The LDS Church regulated the financial affairs of the town of Iosepa, so named in honor of the prophet Joseph F. Smith. They incorporated the Iosepa Agricultural and Stock Company, headquartered in a small general store in the middle of the 1280 acre ranch. In order to facilitate commerce, a small run of script notes bearing denominations of 5 cents, 10 cents, 25 cents, 50 cents and one dollar were produced by a Salt Lake City printing company. This script was used to pay colonists for their work and was subsequently traded by them to pay for goods and services at the store. In the rare occurrence that a settler needed to shop in Salt Lake City, the store would exchange cash for the script. As the corporation began to turn a profit in later years, cash displaced script in the economy.

The Iosepa 50-cent note is the sole survivor, a single traveling trace of Iosepa and the commerce of that desolate spot. Signed by John T. Caine, treasurer of the cooperative, and past editor of the Salt Lake Herald and Henry P. Richards, its president, the note exhibits characteristic wear of late 19th century paper, yet it is in surprisingly good condition when one considers the rigors it has been subjected to. Caine had served an LDS church mission to Hawaii in 1855 and after his tenure in Iosepa went on to be elected as a United States Representative while Richards played a major role in bringing Polynesian converts and their culture to the Salt Lake Valley.



Iosepa grew in spite of many trials, including the well-publicized cases of leprosy which struck 3 of the colonists in 1893. In order to contain the potential spread of this volatile disease, a house of isolation was built on the outskirts of town. To attract attention for the delivery of food and water, a flag was run up a pole as a signal. The town reached a maximum population of 228 late in the 19th century. It became an amalgamation of Polynesian and western cultures, with poi, island delicacies, and Latter Day Saint influences routinely mixing at public festivals. However, the continued hard lifestyle began to take its toll as the growth in the cemetery began to outstrip growth in the town. Many second-generation Hawaiians simply decided to leave Iosepa for more lucrative careers outside of the community. The town's death knell sounded when the construction of a new Latter Day Saint temple was announced in Hawaii. At first, a few settlers left to help in the building of the temple but a wholesale exodus followed in 1916-17. The motivation for living in the suffering climate of Utah was removed as members of the faith could now practice their religion fully in their own homeland, where it required substantially less consistent effort just to remain alive. The demise of the town occurred just 4 years after Iosepa was honored as the "Most Progressive Town in Utah" and it was finally taken over by the Deseret Livestock Company in 1917.

Visitors to the site in current times are no doubt greeted by the same skyline and landscape that threatened the dedicated and hardy Hawaiians in 1889. Little has changed. A small cemetery, some stone and shards of glass remain, along with a unique piece of paper with a quaint motto, redeemable for "an assortment of farm products at retail prices".

The Iosepa script note, a solitary specimen of a period of dynamic Utah history, continues today as the only artifact extant not subject to the wind, stinging sand, and drying sun of the Skull Valley area. In time, this small symbol may be all that exists to remind future historians of a little known town, fading into oblivion, that once was Iosepa.

by  
Bob Campbell

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